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AUGUST 1971 SATELLITE COVERAGE OF AIRFIELDS IN IRAQ, REVEALED THAT OF 216 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OBSERVED, ALMOST ONE THIRD WERE DUMMY OR DERELICT AIRCRAFT BEING USED AS DECOYS. A TOTAL OF 69 DUMMIES OR DERELICTS WERE SEEN AT SIX OF THE NINE AIRFIELDS AT WHICH AIRCRAFT WERE PRESENT.

THE MOST OBVIOUS DUMMY AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED AT KIRKUK AIRFIELD. OF 32 FITTER SEEN THERE, 20 WERE DUMMIES. THE SWEEP OF THE LEADING EDGE OF THE WINGS WAS SIX DEGREES LESS THAN NORMAL, THE SWEEP OF THE TAILING EDGE OF THEIR WINGS IS DEGREES LESS THAN NORMAL, AND THEY DID NOT HAVE WING FENCES, WING FILLETS OR PITOT TUBES. IN ADDITION, THESE AIRCRAFT HAVE SELDOM BEEN MOVED. IT CAN NOW BE DETERMINED THAT DUMMY FITTER HAVE BEEN SEEN ON SATELLITE COVERAGE OF KIRKUK AIRFIELD SINCE AT LEAST APRIL 1969.

THE OTHER 49 DUMMY OR DERELICT AIRCRAFT OBSERVED CONSISTED OF 12 FISHBED, 32 HUNTER AND 5 MIDGET.

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